

**§ 67.205 Requirement for vessel identification.**

(a) Every instrument presented for filing and recording must contain sufficient information to clearly identify the vessel(s) to which the instrument relates.

(b) Instruments pertaining to vessels which have been documented must contain the vessel's name and official number, or other unique identifier.

(c) Vessels which have never been documented must be identified by one of the following:

(1) The vessel's Hull Identification Number assigned in accordance with 33 CFR 181.25; or

(2) Other descriptive information, which clearly describes the vessel. Such information may include length, breadth, depth, year of build, name of manufacturer, and any numbers which may have been assigned in accordance with 33 CFR part 173.

**§ 67.207 Requirement for date and acknowledgment.**

(a) Every instrument presented for filing and recording must:

- (1) Bear the date of its execution; and
- (2) Contain an acknowledgment.

(b) No officer or employee of the Coast Guard is authorized to take such acknowledgments unless the instrument is executed on behalf of the Federal Government of the United States.

**§ 67.209 Required number of copies.**

All instruments presented for filing and recording must be presented in duplicate; at least one copy must bear original signatures.

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**§ 67.209 No original instrument requirement.**

A copy of the original signed and acknowledged instrument must be presented. The original instrument itself may be presented but is not required. The copy may be delivered to the National Vessel Documentation Center or transmitted by facsimile or in portable document format (.pdf) in accordance with the procedures in §§ 67.218 and 67.219 of this part. Signatures may be affixed manually or digitally.

**§ 67.211 Requirement for citizenship declaration.**

(a) Instruments in the nature of a bill of sale or deed of gift, mortgages, and assignments of mortgages conveying an interest in a documented vessel are ineligible for filing and recording unless accompanied by a declaration of citizenship, except as provided in paragraph (c) and (d) of this section.

(b) Citizenship declarations must be executed on the form prescribed by the Maritime Administration in 46 CFR part 221. These forms are available from the National Vessel Documentation Center and from the Vessel Transfer and Disposal Officer (MAR–745.1), Maritime Administration, United States Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

(c) The requirement for presentation of a citizenship declaration does not apply to a transaction conveying an interest in a vessel:

(1) Described in 46 CFR 221.11(b)(1) (i) through (iv);

(2) To a person making application for documentation; or

(3) To an entity of the Federal Government of the United States or of a State or political subdivision thereof, or a corporate entity which is an agency of any such government or political subdivision.

(d) The requirement for presentation of a citizenship declaration is waived when the instrument(s) presented for filing effects a transfer for which:

(1) The Maritime Administration has given general approval in 46 CFR part 221; or

(2) Written approval of the Maritime Administrator has been obtained in accordance with 46 CFR part 221.

(e) If the transfer of interest is one which requires written approval of the Maritime Administrator in accordance with rules in 46 CFR part 221, evidence of that approval must be presented for filing with the instrument effecting the transfer of interest.

NOTE: If the grantee(s) of an ownership interest in a vessel described in paragraphs (c)(1) or (d) of this section do(es) not make application for documentation, a declaration of citizenship may be required in order to ensure that the vessel so conveyed retains any